Rise in Looting of Banks

†1550. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a spurt in the incidents of looting of the banks in recent days;

(b) the details of such incidents during the last two years, State-wise; and

(c) the main reasons behind these incidents and the steps by Government to check such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) The number of incidents of looting *i.e.* robberies, dacoities, thefts and burglaries during the year 2004 and 2005 were 183 and 163 respectively showing a marginal decline. The State-wise details of such incidents during the last two years *i.e.* for the year 2004, 2005 and upto March, 2006 are given in the Statement (*See below*).

(c) Number of incidents of robberies, dacoities, thefts and burglaries etc. mainly depends on the general law and order situation in a particular State-areas and in some cases laxity in security arrangements, non-posting of armed guards, non-functioning of alarm system etc. lead to such incidents. Indian Banks' Association has circulated guidelines on security arrangements in banks in July, 2004 for protection of banks' properties. Security measures implemented by public sector banks are reviewed in the State Level Security Committee meetings held periodically by the Regional Directors of RBI. The meetings are required to be attended by bankers and State Government officials including senior Police officials.

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Statement

Incidents of robberies/dacoities/theft and burglaries (State-wise) occurred during the year 2004-2005 & upto March 2006

(Amount in Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the State	2004		2005		Upto March 2006	
		No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
1.	Andhra Pradesh	7	85.44	10	122.20	2	5.00
2.	Assam	1	5.10	2	4.59	5	31.63
3.	Bihar	43	244.81	28	134.21	5	14.27
4.	Chandigarh	1	36.00	2	0.93	—	—
5.	Chhattisgarh	2	280.50	2	1.69	1	5.00
6.	Delhi	8	73.61	4	53.51	3	117.76
7.	Goa	1	1.20	1	0.20	—	—
8.	Gujarat	9	49.68	9	35.52	2	25.00
9.	Haryana	9	13.96	17	67.74	1	0.08
10.	Himachal Pradesh	2	0.18	1	0.44	—	—
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	3	45.18	6	29.56	—	—
12.	Jharkhand	19	122.07	14	102.31	6	28.64
13.	Karnataka	6	18.09	14	103.94	4	2.67
14.	Madhya Pradesh	11	50.16	9	31.53	2	6.00
15.	Maharashtra	11	15.11	13	103.78	5	28.31
16.	Meghalaya	—	—	1	10.00	—	—
17.	Nagaland	—	—	1	7.30	—	—
18.	Orissa	4	14.86	5	42.51	2	33.25
19.	Pondicherry	—	—	1	0.50	—	—
20.	Punjab	8	46.41	10	85.17	6	9.60
21.	Rajasthan	4	12.37	9	69.13	—	—
22.	Tamil Nadu	2	3.10	6	14.76	3	6.91
23.	Tripura	1	0.07	—	—	1	1.00
24.	Uttar Pradesh	13	50.90	20	128.16	4	43.74
25.	Uttaranchal	4	36.11	2	4.41	1	2.43
26.	West Bengal	14	64.38	12	126.33	2	3.90
	TOTAL	183	1269.29	163	1280.42	55	365.19